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- Insiders are concerned about reports that the new Soviet Galosh SH-11 interceptor missile now being deployed around Moscow as part of the ABM defense of the Soviet capital is equipped with infra-red guidance and homing systems. The creation and deployment of a weapon containing this new technology may be another Soviet violation of the ABM treaty, since infra-red guidance is based on different physical principles than the radar-guided interceptors that were operational or under development when the treaty was signed in 1972. More important than the legal issue, however, is the further evidence that Moscow deploys new technology to defend the Soviet Union while the United States shows restraint.

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